

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1435/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Ecological damage to the Serra Mariola (Valencian Autonomous Community)

The Valencian Generalitat has earmarked areas of major ecological value, likely to qualify as sites of Community interest, for the installation of 28 windmill park schemes. In zone 15 of the Valencian Windmill Plan, 6 windmill parks are scheduled, comprising 109 wind generators. Independent studies indicate that there is no optimum, strong and constant wind force (between 9 and 25 metres/2) in the areas chosen in the Serra Mariola (zone 15), to guarantee the profitability of these installations.

Thus in all European Union funding will be used to subsidise the ecological damage of areas of high environmental value; the goal of the companies which have won the building contracts (most of them involving Iberdrola), is to obtain Union funds.

Has the Commission assessed the irreversible ecological impact on zone 15, for the sake of producing an imperceptible amount of wind energy?